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AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Claims 1-8 and 10-64 remain in the application and are listed below:

1. (Previously Amended) A system for determining context
comprising:

one or more computer-readable media; and

a hierarchical tree structure resident on the media and comprising multiple
nodes each of which represent geographical divisions of the Earth, individual